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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Only Hope

ANY move, which possesses reasonable prospects of successfully breaking the present Korean armistice impasse is to be welcomed, and the disclosure that India may make another attempt to persuade Peking to accept a formula relating to the prisoner of war issue commands interest. It is true that when the Chinese Communists adhered to the dictates of Moscow and rejected the previous Indian compromise plan the world felt completely disillusioned about the sincerity of Peking's oft-expressed desire for a solution to the armistice problem, and it is not easy to believe that where India failed before she will succeed a second time. It is, in fact, difficult to conceive a formula varying from that finally adopted by the United Nations General Assembly last year, which would comply with the fundamental principles enunciated by the UN for a settlement of the POW dispute, and at the same time satisfy the Communists' requirements. Further doubts are raised by the suggestion that Peking desires to treat the question of prisoners of war repatriation as part of the overall political considerations which are bound up with the future of Korea. The United Nations attitude has already been clearly stated, namely, that a political conference must follow conclusion of an armistice, and cannot be directly associated with truce negotiations. The United Nations are not likely to depart from this viewpoint; wherefore insistence on the part of the Chinese Communists to convert the POW issue into a political bone of contention must doom any third party endeavours to bring an armistice to a successful conclusion. In the final analysis, however, the present truce stalemate can only be resolved if and when the Peking regime displays willingness to make its own decisions independent of the Kremlin.

Army Desertions

THE disclosure by the US Army authorities that 46,000 soldiers have deserted since the start of the Korean War, and that 11,000 of them are still at large, has caused understandable concern in Congress. The desertion rate is less than half that of the middle years of the second world war, but the New York Herald-Tribune considers it still "serious enough to require explanation." One explanation is that penalties for desertion are now so light many would prefer them to being sent into combat in Korea. That was not the idea of the new code of military justice, which was designed to end some of the intolerable abuses of the old system. Some went "over the hill" to answer some real or imagined call of distress from the folks at home. To many Americans, the Korean war remains remote and unreal compared to everyday problems. The Army itself seems less concerned over the desertions than over the high rate of absences without leave. These involve soldiers who head for home when they get their shipping orders and return just after their regiments have sailed. Now disciplinary procedures are being put into effect to stop this abuse. To a non-American observer it might seem worth while exploring another avenue, namely, the almost unique nature of this war, which is in no sense an old-fashioned "national" war. The trouble would then seem to be much less remarkable than it is.

Eisenhower To Present Administrative Blueprint Foreign And Domestic Policies

Washington, Jan. 26.

President Eisenhower will lay down a detailed blueprint of his Administration's plans and policies in a State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress at 5.30 p.m. GMT next Monday.

The President discussed the message with nine Republican Congressional leaders at an early morning two-hour conference today. One Republican said that the discussion covered a broad field—the Korean war, amendments to the Taft-Hartley Labour Law, possible extension of price-wage controls beyond their scheduled April 30 expiration date, foreign aid and tax and spending policy.

Mau Mau Trial KENYATTA GIVES EVIDENCE

Nairobi, Jan. 27.

Jomo Kenyatta, President of the African Union, who, with other Africans is on trial on charges of organising Mau Mau activities, today went into the witness box to conduct his own defence.

A submission by Kenyatta's lawyer that there was no case to answer had been ruled out by the presiding magistrate. Kenyatta was conducted through his evidence by an Indian lawyer, Dewan Chamallal. He said he had been unable to prepare a proper defence as all his files and documents had been confiscated.

Speaking in English, Kenyatta emphasised the fact that he had "no room in my heart for violence." He said he abhorred the use of force and that he was just an ordinary man trying to better the conditions of his people. Twice, during two hours of questioning, he was told that his answers to questions were becoming speeches. Kenyatta described himself as a "peace-loving" man, well-educated, except for a period at a mission school.

Kenyatta said he began his political activity in 1922 and realising my people required someone to help them, he left the government service and joined the Kenya Central Association in 1928.

He said he later founded the first African newspaper and later went to England. During his stay in England, between 1933 and 1936, he had sent a memorandum on African grievances to the government and had contacted Members of Parliament. He said he had joined the Africa Union on his return to Kenya, having first satisfied himself on its aims.

He said it was conducting a constitutional fight for African rights. —France-Press.

THOUSANDS ILL WITH FLU

Calro, Jan. 26. Influenza has struck down about 100,000 Calro residents in the last 20 days. Egyptian health authorities said today. Dr. Mohammed Anwar, Director of Diseases at the Ministry of Public Health, said germs causing the outbreak were "totally different" from those at work in Europe. —Reuters.

It is understood that there are some differences of opinion on the course the new Republican administration should follow in some fields. But these differences were described as "minor."

Other Republican sources said that the President sought and got the advice of the legislative leaders on subjects to be covered in the message. House Speaker Joseph Martin Jr. announced the plans for the President's appearance after he and eight other top-ranking Republican House and Senate leaders spent two hours with the President at the White House covering outstanding matters to be included in the message.

Mr. Martin said that today's meeting was "very interesting." He added that the Senate Republican leaders "went over all of the material which will be treated by the President in his State of the Union message."

Senator Robert Taft said that the message has not yet been written and that what he and his colleagues received from the President was an outline of what Mr. Eisenhower plans to say.

Also discussed at today's meeting was the hitch in the nomination of Mr. Charles Wilson to be Defence Secretary. Senator Taft said that he would introduce today three of four amendments to the Taft-Hartley law but that they would not cover the whole field of proposed changes.

Mr. Taft added that legislative leaders would meet with the President at 8.30 a.m. each Monday except next week. —United Press.

PRESIDENT'S COLD

Washington, Jan. 26. President Eisenhower had to cancel all appointments scheduled for this afternoon at the White House because of a slight cold, a White House spokesman stated here today.

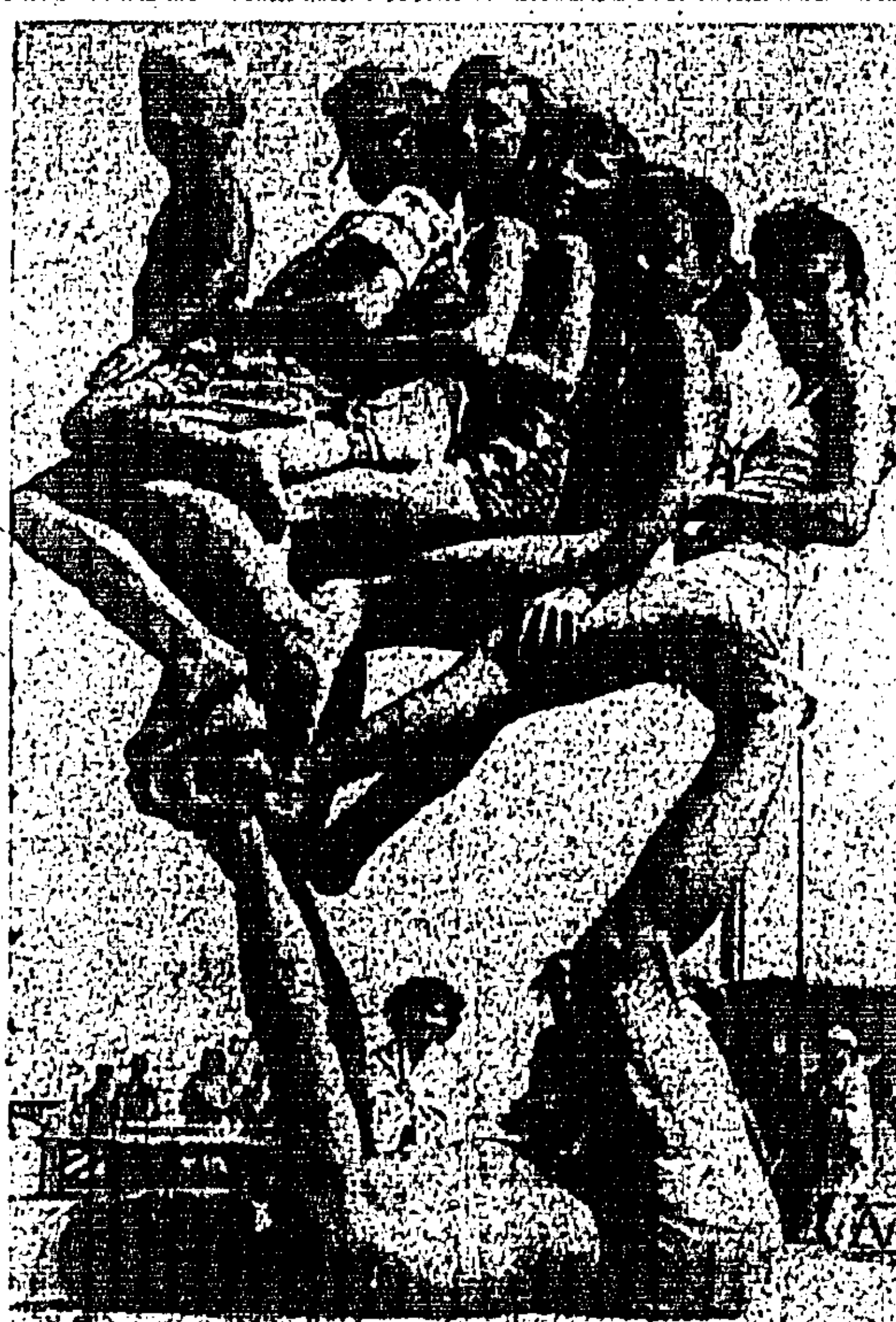
The President was confined to his room and was planning to prepare his message on the state of the Union, which he will send to Congress next Monday, the spokesman said. Earlier, Mrs. Eisenhower had been forced to cancel some of her activities owing to a chill. —France-Press.

Freighter Has Rough Trip

Pusan, Jan. 26. A battered freighter rested in Pusan harbour today after the roughest voyage in the 35 years' experience of its skipper, Captain L. B. Larsen of San Francisco.

The SS Private Joe Mamm, a Military Sea Transport Service vessel, limped into port on Saturday after a 21-day lashing by Pacific storms. The ship, left Port Angeles, Washington, two days after Christmas and ran into heavy seas only two days out.

Two crewmen, Chief Mate Alex White and Hoysa John Schulte, were critically injured in the voyage. They were taken to a UN hospital here. —Associated Press.



San Francisco, California. "Mighty Mites," long famous for his "Mighty Mites" in the United States, is developing a new and young corps of Amazons and Turanians. Ranging in age from four to twelve, these "Mighty Mites" threaten to take the place of the adult "Mighty Mites" in the United States. The leading lights of the Beach and he has been teaching acrobatics to the youngsters. The lessons have become the No. 1 attraction of the Beach. Many a mother watches anxiously as her child climbs to the top of a human pyramid and poses nonchalantly for gawping tourists. —London Express.

Request For FBI To Investigate All Americans At UN

United Nations, Jan. 26.

Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge presented his credentials to the Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, today and disclosed that he has requested a sweeping FBI investigation of all Americans at the United Nations.

Mr. Lodge told his first news conference as the new permanent United States representative here that his first official act was a letter to the chief of the FBI, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, requesting an investigation of "all American employees of the United States mission to the United Nations and in the United Nations itself."

Mr. Lodge was appointed by President Eisenhower to succeed Ambassador Warren Austin. The appointment was confirmed by the Senate late last week. He plans to leave his post here on Friday and go to Washington to sit in on weekly Cabinet meetings.

Mr. Lodge's request for FBI action was in line with one of the former President Truman's last executive orders which requested a civil service investigation of all Americans in connection with Federal inquiries into alleged subversive activities by United States citizens employed by the world organization.

At the same time ex-President Truman's order, issued while he was in office, requested the United Nations to forgo further findings of Americans pending the investigation.

Mr. Lodge said that his request for a full FBI investigation was "entirely consistent" with the civil service inquiry. He added that FBI findings would be submitted to the civil service authorities for evaluation.

"When the FBI makes an investigation," he said, "it does not reach conclusions. The Civil Service must make the conclusions."

The new Ambassador, who was defeated in November in a bid for re-election as Senator from Massachusetts, said that the FBI would not have to come to the United Nations and

MPs Seek To Save Youth From Being Hanged

London, Jan. 27.

Members of Parliament will stage a dramatic, eleventh-hour fight in the House of Commons today (Tuesday) to save the life of a 19-year-old boy due to be hanged on Wednesday morning for his part in the murder of a policeman.

The Labour member, Mr. Sydney Silverman, will ask for an immediate debate on the case of Derek Bentley, companion in crime to 16-year-old Christopher Craig, the gunman who fired the fatal shot.

NEW ATOMIC TESTS

Washington, Jan. 26.

The Atomic Energy Commission today announced that a new series of experiments will be started at the beginning of March at the Las Vegas testing grounds. The object of these experiments is to develop "new and improved nuclear devices," the announcement said.

The Commission did not give any further details, but competent quarters expressed the opinion that the term "new devices" referred to an atomic gun. They added that army, navy and air force units, totaling 15,000 men, would take part in the experiments.

The commission stated: "The new series of tests is designed to advance the development of new and improved nuclear devices and will provide data on weapons performance essential to military and civil defense."

Shortly after publishing its communiqué on the Nevada tests, the Atomic Energy Commission announced that a new atomic factory, the first of its kind ever to be built in the United States, was to be erected in Illinois. Costing \$25,000,000, the factory would cover 5,000 acres and would be made solely for the assembly and installation of atomic explosives.

FACTORY'S FUNCTIONS

Statements made by members of the Atomic Energy Commission following the official announcement of the building of a new atomic factory in Illinois, have caused speculation here as to the exact nature of the factory's work.

After the announcement that the new factory would finish and assemble nuclear explosives, a spokesman said the factory would, in fact, neither produce nor even contain radioactive equipment, but would be devoted to the assembling of "more or less conventional explosives."

The spokesman refused to elaborate on this statement, merely adding that, if there was no connection between the conventional type of explosives and atomic weapons, the Atomic Energy Commission would not be bothered with the explosives. He also recalled the fact that the Commission was already concerned with the preparation of exceptionally high explosive products of the conventional type in its "Pantex" factory in Texas. —France-Press.

GANDHI'S SON CHARGED

Johannesburg, Jan. 26.

Mahatma Gandhi, son of the late Mahatma Gandhi, was charged with seven other prisoners today in the German Court with "inciting natives to break the law at Germiston location on December 2." Among the others charged was Patrick Dinnan, son of a former Governor-General of South Africa.

Three women were among the accused. They were the actresses Winifred Mary Troup, the social anthropologist, Selma Starmann and Trade Union leader, Betty Duffell. —France-Press.

London, Jan. 26.

Admiral Earl Mountbatten, Commander of the Allied Forces in the Mediterranean, tonight was promoted to the rank of full Admiral. —United Press.

Troops And Tribesmen In Clash

Teheran, Jan. 26. Tanks and armoured cars were rushed to the Shiraz area of South Persia today after a clash between troops and Razmi tribesmen in which 10 were reported killed and 20 injured, the newspaper Ittelaat reported tonight. —Reuters.

Effort To Reach Oil Agreement

London, Jan. 26.

A fresh Anglo-American effort to write an oil settlement with Iranian Premier Mohammed Mossadegh was reported nearly completed tonight.

US Ambassador in Teheran, Mr. Loy Henderson is expected to meet Mossadegh within about a week. The Iranian Premier is awaiting answers to a long list of objections he filed after the detailed Anglo-American settlement plan was submitted a fortnight ago.

British informants expressed the view that Mossadegh's refusal to accept the plan as it stood signals a new bid by Iran to raise the price of a settlement in the hope that President Eisenhower's new administration will be ready to pay it.

The argument is that Mossadegh may figure President Eisenhower will do no less than former President Truman proposed to do in giving Iran aid-cash and materials—and in getting Britain to make concessions.

If the new President and his advisers consider the threat of Communism in Iran to be increasing, Mossadegh may then believe America will be ready to pitch in with even more help.

In other words, Mossadegh stands to win better terms, and to lose nothing but time, if he decides to raise the ante.

Despite their suspicions of Mossadegh's apparent flimflamming, the British now accept the American thesis that Mossadegh is the only man in Iran with whom they have any chance of coming to terms. —Associated Press.

Floods Ravaging East Ceylon

Colombo, Jan. 26.

Floods sweeping East Ceylon left hundreds homeless today and inundated 33,000 acres opened for rice cultivation some months ago in the Gal Oya Valley, where American engineers built a dam. —Associated Press.

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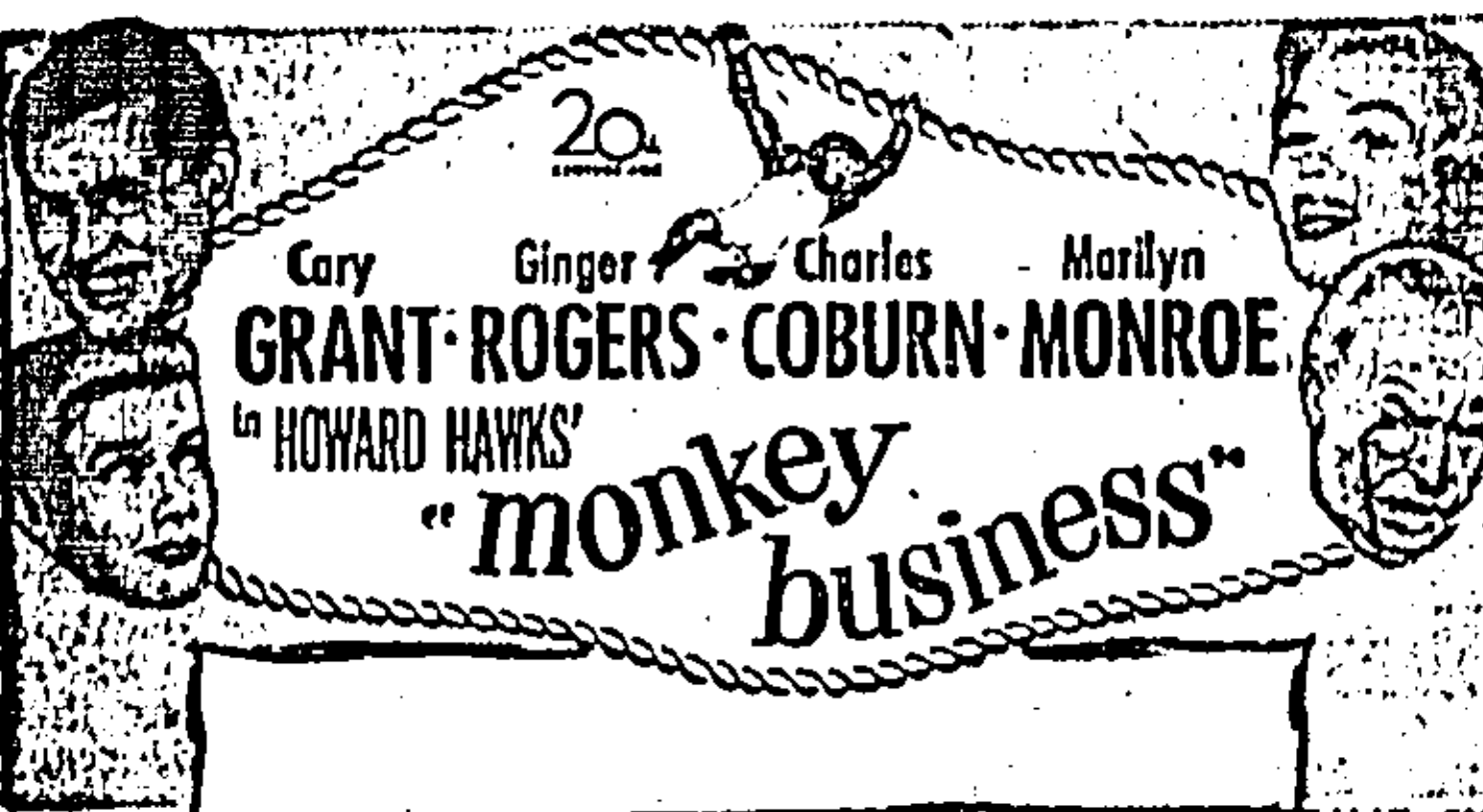
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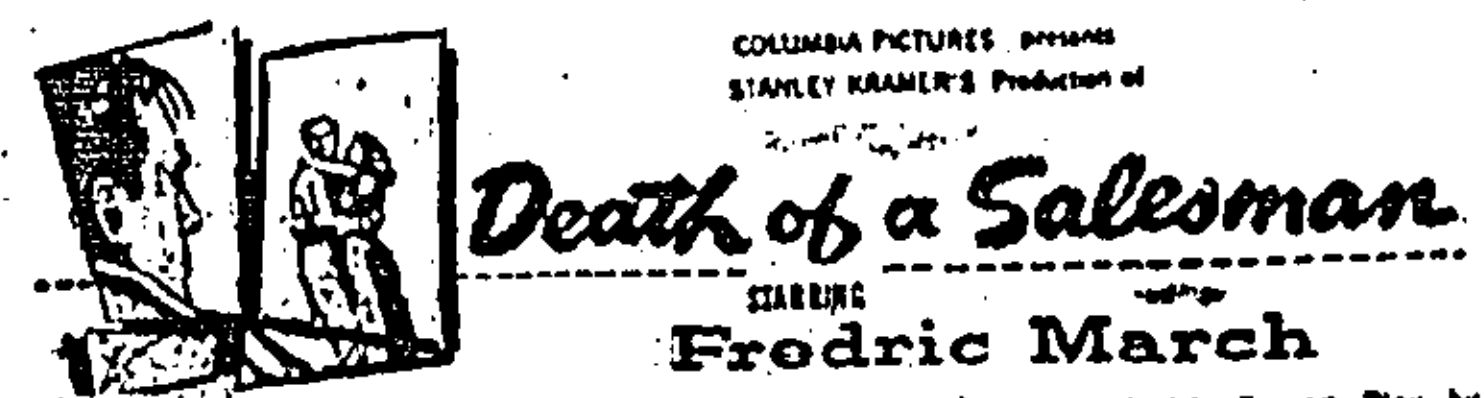
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Chief Petty Officer Henri Fare and a Korean schoolmaster pass around cake to young Korean orphans who attended a children's party arranged by the ship's company of H.M.C.S. Nootka, just before the destroyer sailed from the Far East for Canada.—Express Photo.

US Steps Up Plane Output

Washington, Jan. 26. The American aircraft industry will produce 14,500 military planes this year — more than in 1951 and 1952 combined — Mandy J. Peale, President of Republic Aviation Corp., said today.

And sometime during the year, Mr. Peale told the American Legion Security Commission in a prepared address, the aircraft industry will become the world's largest employer of manufacturing workers—bigger even than steel or cars or textiles.

Mr. Peale said Russia will still out-produce the United States in planes this year but the United States will be far ahead in quality of aircraft and pilots.—Associated Press.

Canadians Warned: Spending On Arms Will Continue

Ottawa, Jan. 26. Canadians have been given a guarded warning that there is no end in sight for what was once their three-year, 5,000,000,000-dollar (about £1,666,667,000) rearmament programme.

It was left to Mr. C. D. Howe, the Minister of Defence Production, to tell the nation that there is no foreseeable drop in defence spending ahead and that hopes of substantial tax reductions on this score are founded more on wishful thinking than reality.

Already the 5,000,000,000-dollar programme has been extended to 9,000,000,000 dollars (over £2,666,667,000). The cost of maintaining defence in a state of operational readiness will almost equal that of building them up to a reasonable level.

Mr. Howe's declaration has not been popular with the rank and file of his party who believe that the Liberals' chief hope of re-election depends on big tax cuts based on a substantial contraction in spending on defence.

What Mr. Howe said was this: "From now on, it is likely that miscellaneous programmes and defence construction projects will tend to play a lesser role, but it is expected that the output of hard goods such as aircraft, ships, guns, ammunition and electronics will continue to be very significant even after March 1954."

The long-term international situation remains uneasy, it will be necessary to keep up to date in all the fields where technological changes make for rapid obsolescence.

CONSTANT LEVEL

March 1954 would have marked the end of the nominal three-year programme which was launched in 1951.

The interpretation placed here on Mr. Howe's remarks is that the three years do not mark the achievement of a peak, but rather establish a level which will have to be maintained as long as the cold war lasts.

The cost of maintenance, modernization and replacement will be almost as great as that of the initial, hurried build-up.

It is now predicted that no reduction from the 2,000,000,000 dollars (about £666,667,000 a year) level can be hoped for until after 1955, and then the annual outlay cannot be less than 1,500,000,000 dollars (over £500,000,000).

The pre-Korean defence bill was 425,000,000 dollars (about £141,667,000).

According to forecasts, it will be the middle of 1955 before any of the three basic programmes is completed. These are the provision of the G.R. 100 long range jet fighters for home defence, jet fighters for home defence, jet fighters for home defence, jet fighters for home defence.

FADING DREAM

Even when these have been fulfilled there will remain such matters as anti-aircraft defence, the provision of all the necessary electronic devices for the navy and air force, replacement of the obsolete Lancasters in the coastal squadrons and the supply of jet aircraft for the new aircraft carrier "Bonaventure" which is due for delivery in 1955.

Meanwhile, members of the armed forces have to be fed, clothed and paid, while new weapons make even those which have not yet been produced obsolete.

It is believed that by 1955 the programme designed for completion in 1954 will have almost been achieved. By then, it is feared, the three services will be clamouring for a full line of newer weapons and improvements.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, has already told a disbelieving public that there is little hope of significant tax reductions in the near future. Now, Mr. Howe has underlined the Prime Minister's warning.

A rosy dream for the taxpayers fading out in Canada.—Reuter.

Working For World Peace

Meeting Of Empire Premiers In June

London, Jan. 26. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, said tonight that the Commonwealth Prime Ministers would make an effort to secure world peace when they meet here during the Coronation ceremonies.

Mr. Eden, speaking at an India Day meeting, said there would be further Commonwealth discussions when the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, and other Commonwealth Premiers arrived in June.

"We shall plan as we planned in the past and, more than that, we shall try for peace in the world," he said.

He wished India growing prosperity and influence throughout the world and success in her Commonwealth associations and her endeavours to promote peace and understanding.

India, he said, because of her geographical position, should influence China and Japan in the East and Turkey in the West.

The well-being of this area was a matter of vital concern for the world, he added.

Complimenting Indian efforts in the United Nations, Mr. Eden continued:

"We work together for peace. Never has this been better illustrated than by the efforts made to end the fighting in Korea."

"The wise and conciliatory resolution of India should have been accepted by the overwhelming majority at the United Nations."—United Press.

British Envoy Sees Mr Dulles

Washington, Jan. 26. The new British Ambassador, Sir Roger Makins, today had an interview with the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, concerning the forthcoming visit to the United States of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden.

Sir Roger said that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R. A. Butler, might accompany Mr. Eden, the object of whose visit would be to start preliminary economic conversations.

Mr. Dulles, said Sir Roger, declared that his Government was in no hurry to start the conversations.

Sir Roger said he could not say whether the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, would be returning to the United States following his recent visit there.

The British Ambassador and Mr. Dulles also discussed the Iranian situation, which the Ambassador said appeared to be progressing.

Sir Roger added that the Far East was not discussed.—France-Press.

COFFEE SMUGGLING CHARGE

Aachen, Jan. 26. Fifty-three Germans, including six women, appeared in court here today to face charges of smuggling 85 tons of coffee from Belgium into West Germany between 1949 and 1951.

Most of the defendants live in the village of Muelzenich (population 1,325), which lies about 300 yards from the Belgian frontier.

The village is known here as the Eldorado of coffee smugglers. Nearly in ruins after the war, it suddenly came to life again after the currency reform of 1948.

Fine houses sprang up, shining new cars and motor cycles appeared on the streets, and furniture and radio dealers began to do a roaring trade.

And nearly every night the "coffee gangs" made daring dashes across the border.

When the defendants were arrested, nearly two years ago, Muelzenich had to withdraw from the local amateur football league competition because most of the team were in prison.

The men were later released. The trial, adjourned until Tuesday, is expected to last about ten days.—Reuter.

Truman Story Premature

Kansas City, Jan. 26. A firm denial that he had accepted an offer to publish his memoirs was made today by the former President, Mr. Harry Truman.

"I have made no negotiations for my memoirs," Mr. Truman said. "There are a number of my friends who are looking out for my interests in this matter but I have not negotiated any contract."

The denial came after an unidentified source "close to Mr. Truman" said that the former President had accepted the offer of a New York publishing firm.

The reported agreement involved \$400,000 spread over a period of about five years.

"There are a great many things on my mind at present," Mr. Truman said on his arrival at his Kansas City office from his home in nearby Independence.

"We just haven't had time to look into everything."

The former President closed his comment on the subject with the advice, "I am the one who will have to make the final decision."—United Press.

Whaling Station Up For Sale

Melbourne, Jan. 26. The Australian Government has not yet found a buyer for its whaling station at Carnarvon, off the West Australian coast, which Mr. John McEwen, Minister of Commerce and Agriculture, announced was for sale on November 6.

The Melbourne Herald reported today that the whaling station, which made a profit of £240,000 (£220,000) in the 1951-52 season, had been offered to the West Australian Government or private interests.—Reuter.

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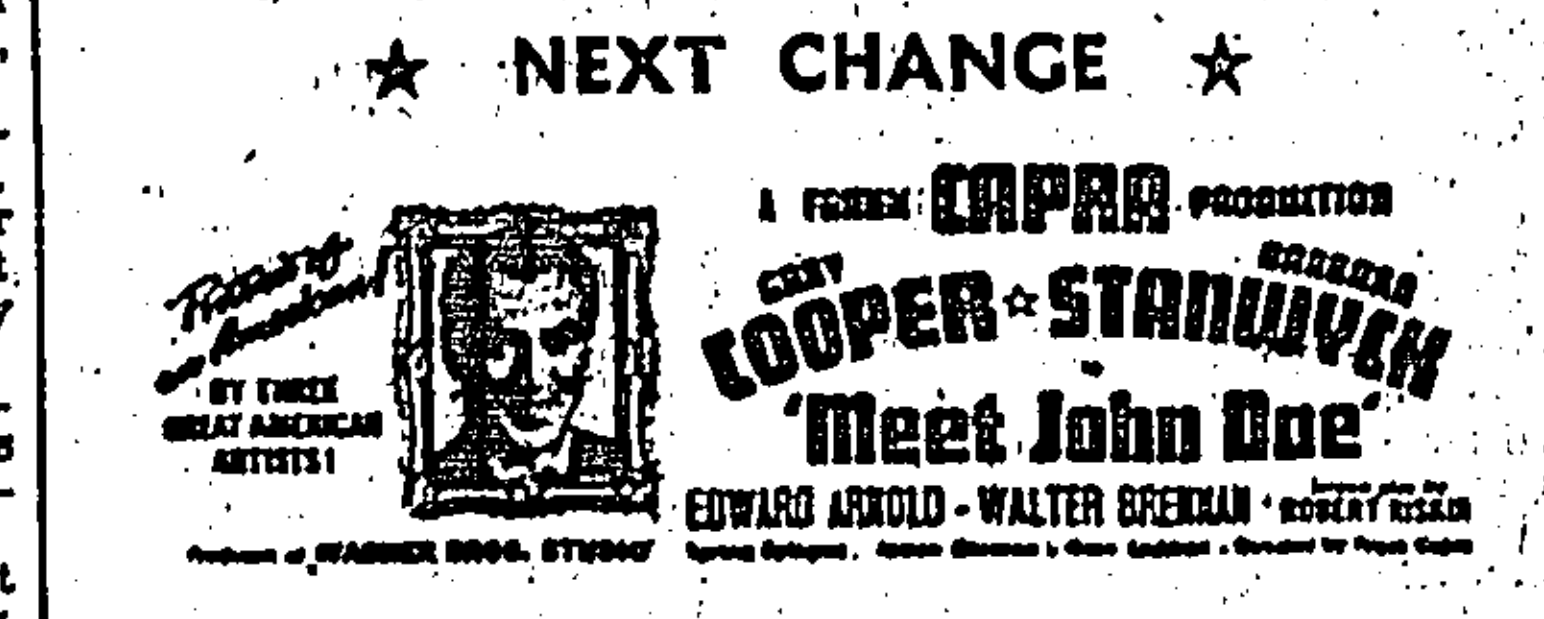
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Armchair Fliers Bring Down Red Jet Planes

Seoul, Jan. 26.

The air ace who does not fly is one of modern science's most recent contributions to the Korean war.

The Fifth United States Air Force's armchair MIG-killers are Radar Controllers of the 502nd Tactical Control Group.

Working on a 24-hour shift at radar sites scattered over the whole of South Korea, these "backroom fliers" are the senses of the entire United Nations effort in the air, both offensive and defensive.

On their glowing electronic screens, the Radar Controllers can keep close watch on almost everything that happens in the air over North Korea. It would have to be a very lucky or a very low-flying Communist aircraft to take the air without showing up as a tell-tale "blip" on a Fifth Air Force radar screen.

Since the 502nd arrived in Korea in September 1950, its Radar Controllers have been responsible for the destruction of more than 40 MIGs by guiding United Nations jet interceptors to the Communist jets.

Controllers who cause the destruction of five MIGs, or more, are now classed by the unit as "Radar Aces". So far five officers have qualified, and others are getting near.

Top "Radar Ace" of the Korean War is Captain James I. Wheeler, of 510 Glenwood Street, Dayton, Ohio. Captain Wheeler, who has now returned to the United States, directed a total of 10 MIG kills—six of them in one day.

To become a Radar Ace, according to the experts, all you need is supreme concentration, an ability to make split-second decisions, a compartmentalized mind which can do four things at once, and a ton of experience.

STRATEGIC SITES

The Controllers work in strategically located sites in South Korea and the coastal islands. In six-hour shifts, they sit before a small electronic screen which is an "eye" seeing far into enemy territory.

The screen receives radar impulses sent from as far north as "Mig Alley," near the Yalu River.

When a radar wave hits something in the air, it is reflected back to the receiver and causes the tell-tale "blip" on the screen.

The Controller can tell the difference between the "blip" made by an Allied plane and one made by a Communist plane.

Within seconds of locating the Communist aircraft, the Controller orders the nearest Allied interceptors into the air and gives them bearing on to their target.

IN-CONSTANT TOUCH
No matter what the Communist planes do, their movements are recorded on the radar screen. The Radar Controller is in constant touch with the Flight Leader of the Allied jets and can give him a new bearing

Memorial Service For Danish Queen



Count Reventlow, the Danish Ambassador, shakes hands at the Danish Embassy in London with the Countess of Alhono after a memorial service in memory of Queen Alexandrine of Denmark. In the background are Mr. Frederick Mansfield and his wife. Mr. Mansfield, before settling in England some years ago, was Prince Friedrich von Preussen, grandson of the ex-Kaiser of Germany.—Express Photo.

Indian Communist Party To Launch New Drive

Bombay, Jan. 26.

The Indian Communists are not satisfied with the progress they have been making and are going to shake up their organisation.

This was revealed here by a member of the Central Committee just as the Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, warned his people against the "disruptive and violent methods" of the Communists.

The Communists' plans apparently are to capitalise on the economic situation here which they feel has been going downhill—and to their benefit—since the end of British rule.

On the other hand, Mr. Nehru has started his people on a

U.S. Jet Said Shot Down In Manchuria

London, Jan. 26.

The Communist New China News Agency reported that a U.S. jet fighter was shot down in Manchuria.

The agency said the plane, an F-80 Sabre jet fighter, was shot down in Liaoning Province, Manchuria.

The pilot, Edwin Lewis Heller, who baled out when his plane was hit, was captured.

The dispatch said four F-80s had been "downed" over Liaoning Province on the morning of January 25, from the direction of Ullin in Korea.

When one was shot down the rest withdrew.

The agency said this was the second plane brought down over Chinese territory during the last fortnight.—Reuter.

RHEE GETS MAJORITY AT LAST

Centre Group To Give Support

Pusan, Jan. 26.

The 21-man middle-of-the-road group in South Korea's National Assembly today announced that it would join President Syngman Rhee's 73-strong Liberal Party, giving Mr. Rhee's supporters their first legislative majority in four years.

Their leader today announced they would formally join the Liberal next month.

But 80 anti-Rhee members, including the official Opposition Democratic Nationalists of 30 members are today further solidifying their front.

A stiff battle is expected when the National Assembly meets to elect the chairman of 13 sub-committees in three days' time.

The South Korean Finance Minister, Mr. Park Too Chin, today denied as "utterly groundless" reports that the Korean won might be further devalued.

The present official exchange rate of the won is 600 to the United States dollar. On the black market it is selling for about 20,000 won to the dollar.

The Finance Minister said the Government intended to step up its campaign to stop black market dealings in dollars.—Reuter.

More Flee E. Germany

Berlin, Jan. 26.

About 200 East German refugees registered today with the West Berlin authorities—the largest number ever recorded in a day.

Their arrival brought the monthly total to 10,000. Most of them were labourers and farmers.

There were also some party and Government officials.

Two high officials of the East German Ministry of Trade and Supply were among the refugees today.

They were Herr Bauer and Egon Neumann. Their former chief, the Trade and Supply Minister, Dr. Karl Hamann, was arrested last month and accused of having sabotaged the country's supply system.—Reuter.

DECISIVE VOTE FOR NEW U.S. DEFENCE CHIEF

"IKE'S" CABINET COMPLETED

Washington, Jan. 26.

The Senate today overwhelmingly confirmed Mr. Charles E. Wilson's appointment as Defence Secretary despite Democratic warnings that the appointment of the former auto executive might prove "quite embarrassing" to President Eisenhower.

The vote completed the Eisenhower Cabinet and ended the new President's first brush with Congress.

Another loomed, however, over the stockholdings of two of Mr. Wilson's top aides, the Army and Air Force Secretaries.

The men involved were Robert Stevens, Army Secretary-designate, and Harold Talbott, prospective Air Secretary.

The vote was 77 for Mr. Wilson's confirmation to six against. Voting against Mr. Wilson were Senators Olin Johnston, Harley Kilgore, Herbert Lehman, Wayne Morse, Matthew Neely and Willis Smith. Voting for him were 47 Republicans and 30 Democrats.

Just before the vote, Senator Morse, who had led the fight against Mr. Wilson, fainted in the Senate lobby but revived in time to cast his vote against the nominee.

PUT ASIDE DOUBTS

Senator Paul Douglas, Democrat of Illinois, said he had put aside "doubts and reservations" to vote for Mr. Wilson because he did not want to be accused of trying to "hamstring" the new Administration.

Mr. Wilson will take over the Defence Department as soon as he is sworn in, probably tomorrow. His nomination approval was delayed by the historic fight over his stockholdings in General Motors, which he had headed.

Approval came after the Senate had received assurances that he had "cleared himself" of all legal objections to his appointment but not before some Senators had expressed "strong misgivings" about the wisdom of President Eisenhower's choice.—United Press.

NOT DECIDED

Washington, Jan. 26.

Republican leaders discussed with President Dwight D. Eisenhower today the opposition which has cropped up in the Senate to his selections to head the Army and Air Force Departments.

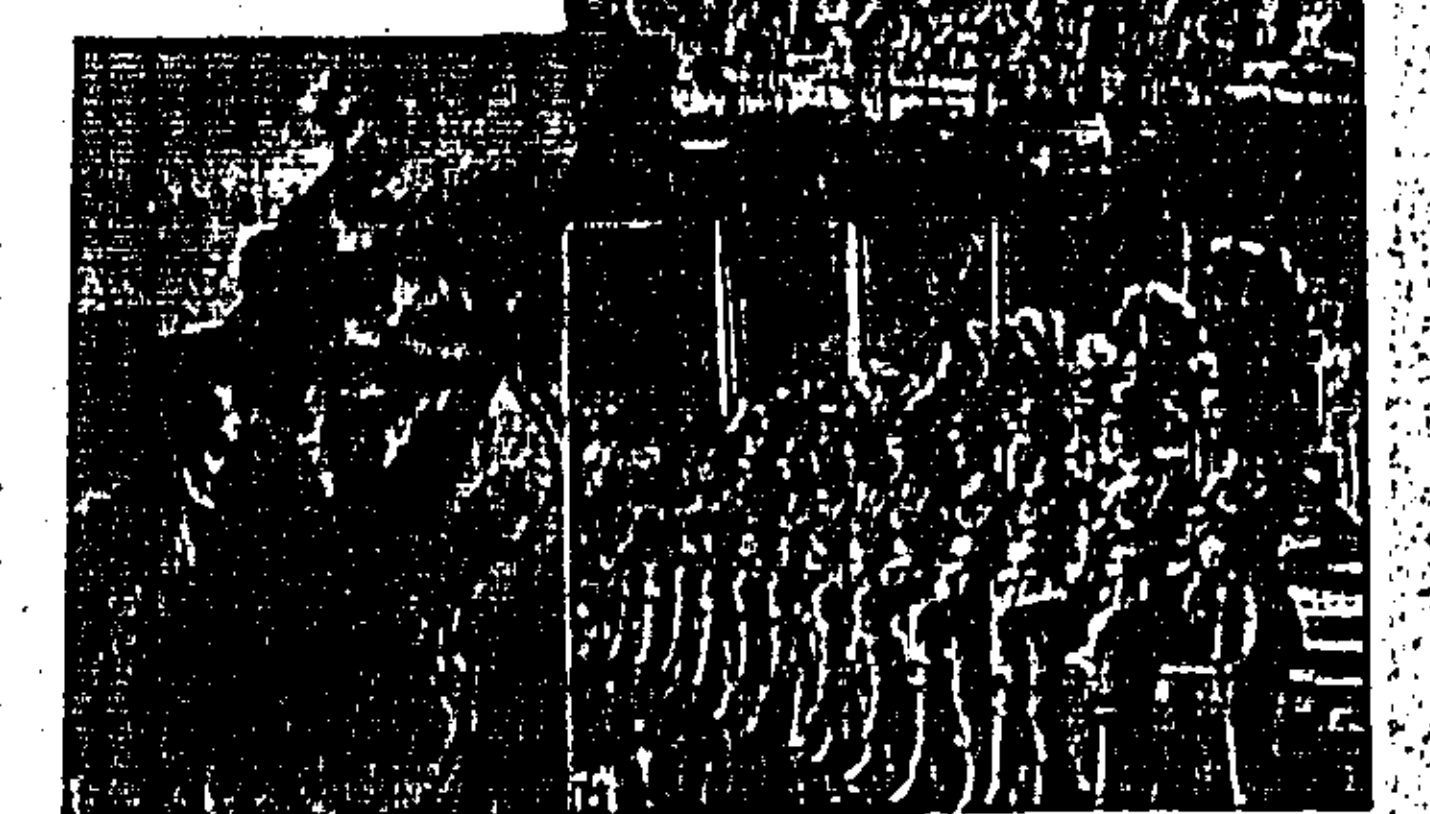
Talking with newsmen afterward, they left open the question whether Mr. Eisenhower would go ahead with the proposed nominations of Robert T. B. Stevens to be Army Secretary and Harold Talbott to be Air Secretary.

Asked directly whether Mr. Eisenhower still plans to submit the nominations to the Senate, Senator Robert A. Taft (Republican, Ohio) replied: "Well, he hasn't sent them up (to the

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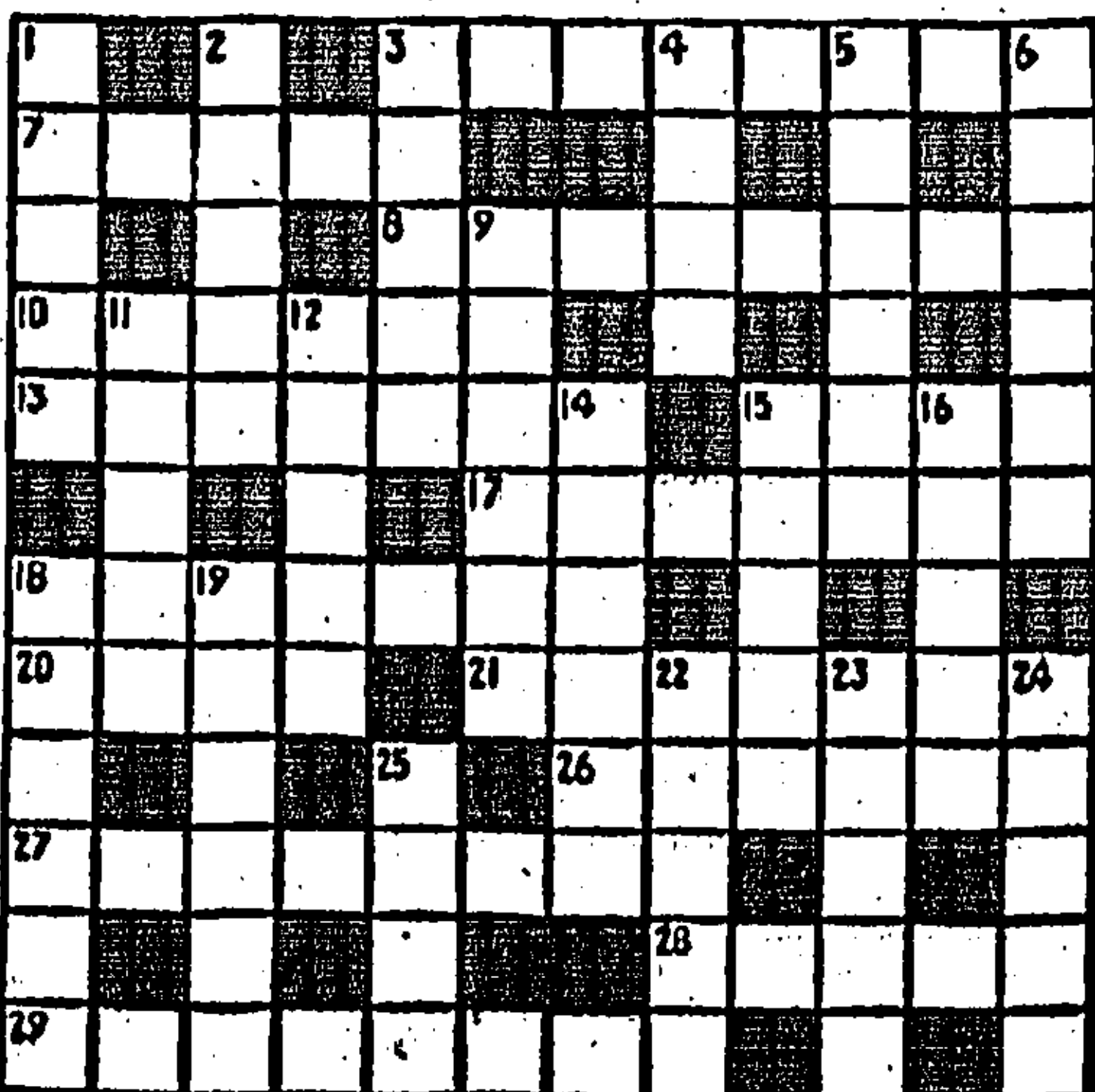
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- ACROSS**
- 3 Beaten severely (8).
 - 7 Proportion (5).
 - 8 Unpleasant (6).
 - 10 Soft-spoken remarks (10).
 - 13 Goes away suddenly (7).
 - 16 Top-liner (4).
 - 17 Ingredient (7).
 - 18 Protection (7).
 - 20 Dried up (4).
 - 21 Lesage (7).
 - 26 Outcast (6).
 - 27 Royal lady (8).
 - 28 Trunk (5).
 - 29 Dismally (8).
- DOWN**
- 1 Trample (5).
 - 2 Of great fortune (6).
 - 3 Tribal emblem (6).
 - 4 Toward (4).
 - 6 Bring into being (6).
 - 9 Wilderness (6).
 - 10 Appearance (6).
 - 11 Drain (5).
 - 12 Challenged (5).
 - 14 Slumbers (6).
 - 15 Doubt (5).
 - 16 Girl's name (5).
 - 18 Moistened (6).
 - 19 Having a limit (6).
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 - 23 Saffron (5).
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Rita Gets Divorce In Reno

Reno, Jan. 26.

The famous Hollywood film star, Rita Hayworth, was today granted a divorce in the court here against her husband, Prince Aly Khan, son of the fabulous Aga Khan. The entire hearing of the petition lasted only 17 minutes.

The court gave no judgment on alimony or on payment for the education of the couple's daughter, Yasmin.

Seventeen minutes is an unusually long period for a Nevada divorce—five minutes being the average time.

The "long" session was taken up, it is understood, by proving that Rita Hayworth had spent the required six weeks in Reno in 1951.

Immediately after the decree had been pronounced, little Yasmin climbed on to the judge's knee.

He asked her her name and she replied: "My name is Yasmin Khan."

Rita refused to comment on the decree after the case ended.—France-Press.

Study Of Fish In Pacific

New Haven, Jan. 26.

Yale University announced today that it will send a floating laboratory into the Pacific Ocean to study rare fish types.

The scientific expedition will leave Guayaquil, Ecuador, on March 1. It will be headed by Professor Daniel Merriam, Director of Yale's Bingham Oceanographic Laboratory, who said: "We hope to contribute greatly to the knowledge of the so-called big game fish of the Ocean. We know less than

nothing about most of the oceanic game fish. Until these matters are understood there is no basis for intelligent utilization of these fish as food or for conservation of intensively hunted species."

This will be the third such expedition sent by Yale Laboratory in the last five years. In 1948 waters around New Zealand were investigated and two years later a second group surveyed the waters off East Africa.—United Press.

Britain's Share
London, Jan. 26.

Britain intends to give £500,000 this year to the United Nations programme of technical assistance to under-developed countries. Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State, said in reply to a question in the House of Commons today.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN AIR STRENGTH

Washington, Jan. 26.

The American Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff, General Nathan Twining, said today before the National Security Committee of the American Legion that the Soviet Union has about 1,000 long-range bombers.

The Soviet planes were of the B-29 type but that the Soviet Government was planning to replace these machines by jet bombers, he said.

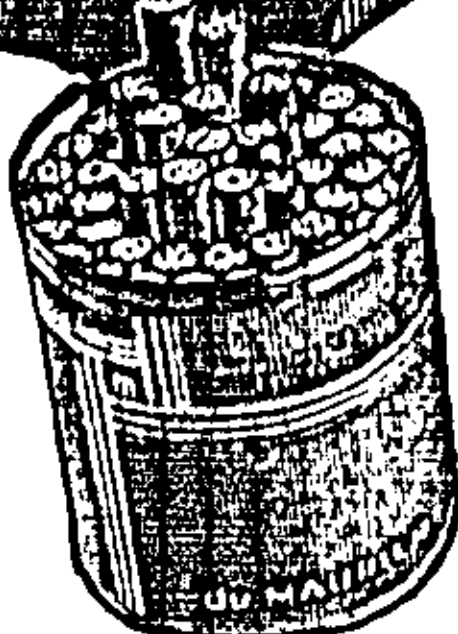
The Communists were building bombers as fast as they could in Eastern Europe and China. He indicated that America's present air force consisted of 17,000 aircraft, of which about half were obsolete and only about one-third "powered" by jet engines.—France-Press.

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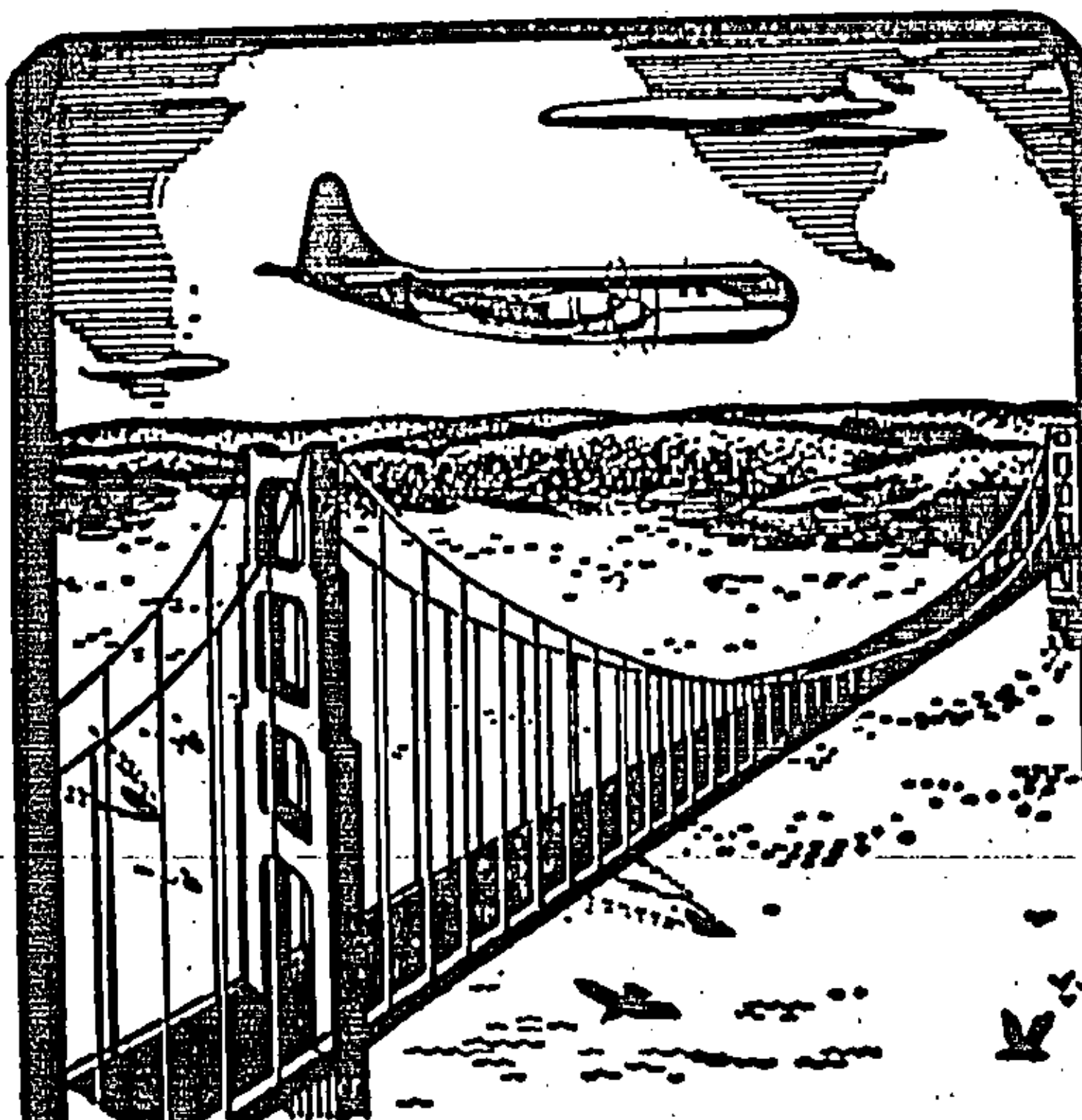
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Even a chimney-pot is a thing of beauty to George Forster, who can see for the first time in 13 years

THE HAPPIEST FAMILY IN BRITAIN

By
Terence
Feely

ON Christmas morning eight-year-old Ronald Forster and his six-year-old brother, James, delved feverishly into their stockings at their home in Loughborough, Leicestershire.

The flame of joy that lit a million young faces that morning kindled across their cheeks.

It warmed, beyond his power to tell, the eager heart of their father, 42-year-old Mr. George Forster, who was watching his sons' delight for the first time in his life.

For Mr. Forster, totally blind for 13 years, had just had his sight restored.

"Ever since they were born I had longed to see that Christmas morning expression on the faces of my sons," Mr. Forster told me.

Up to a few weeks ago he had never seen the boys who clutched his hands, sat on his knee, fought him playfully around the hearth, the boys who looked like him. They were

born into the light, while he remained in the dark.

For almost the whole of his married life he has not seen his wife—the "curtains" came down finally only 18 months after his marriage.

Now a corneal graft operation has given him a window on the world again.

And in the Forster house there is the kind of joy that is like a bubbling spring in the throat, waiting for any excuse to well out in laughter.

"What do you think about your father getting his sight back?" I asked young Ronald. "It's terrific," he said, "only he can see the things we got up to now." He chuckled happily as his father made a playful grab for him.

And what does a loving wife look like after 13 years? "You're not too bad," grinned Mr. Forster, when they stripped the bandages from his face.

"As for me, I was too trembly to say anything," said 41-year-old Mrs. Forster.

The bright glow of the greetings cards on the sideboard, the red, blue and golden garlands on the crisp green tree, the brilliance of his sons' eyes and the warm crimson of the fire—these are the things that thrilled the man-who-could-see-again at Christmas.

"And I'm waiting to see the full glory of a chrysanthemum in summer," said Mr. Forster. "I'm going to get out into that garden and make things grow, things I can see and enjoy."

Much of his time he spends at the window, with the avocet gaze of a child, feeding on sights—just ordinary sights.

"I'm not madly keen to see television," he told me.

"Just let me look at people and houses and chimney pots and dogs, and at my wife and children."

And as you talk with Mr. Forster you realise that he has learned something from his blindness which we have forgotten—the art of looking and the pleasure of it.



"I'm waiting to see the full glory of a chrysanthemum in summer."

His blindness has taught him other things, too. It has taught him, in the first place, patience.

It was six years ago that he learned, through a lecture by a fellow member of the "Blind Institute," that his condition was curable. He got in touch with hospitals.

But it was difficult. For the operation, a "living" eye was needed. Such an eye can only be obtained, after death, from the body of a person who has willingly donated it during his life and with the approval of his executors.

For six years Mr. Forster waited. He spent eight-and-a-half months in hospitals.

"Always the eye was unobtainable," he told me. "In the end I almost gave up hope and resigned myself to a life of blindness."

It was then that he learned the second big lesson that blindness had to teach him—the lesson of kind hearts and gentle people.

He had begun to learn the lesson when his firm, which had taken him on during the wartime shortage of labour, kept him on after the war.

His union co-operated and helped him to carry on with his own first-class job of work.

He had learned, too, from the friendliness and humanity of his mates, who guided him to and from his work, each taking George Forster as a little bit of his own responsibility.

And from the Blind Institute in London, which sent him braille tools free.

The management of his factory, too, made him feel welcome and wanted.

It was in the darkest hour of his darkened life, when he was

ready to despair, that he learned that lesson fully, completely and richly.

It was Miss Gibbs, Welfare Officer of the factory, who made the first move. She urged the firm to back George's losing battle for sight, and she gave the facts to Dr. Mont Follick, Loughborough's M.P.

Dr. Follick got in touch with hospitals and with the "Eye Bank." And, suddenly, there was hope again in the life of George Forster.

It came first in a letter telling him that surgeons were ready, at long last, to operate.

Six weeks later he was able to read that letter for himself.

Out of the fullness of his heart he sent a letter to Dr. Follick. Part of it reads:

"I wish to thank, through you, all those who give their eyes..."

"I am certain that if people could realise the joy and happiness it has brought to my family and to myself, more would come forward and bequeath their eyes for this wonderful operation."

Compelling words these, for George Forster owes his sight to the "Eye Bank."

Dr. Follick has bequeathed his eyes; Mrs. Forster will do the same.

As I left him, George Forster was looking through the window again.

He was looking forward to three things.

To the glamour and gloss of an unfamiliar world.

To meeting the faces that go with the voices he knows so well.

And to seeing—really seeing—in the New Year for the first time in 13 years. A New Year full of the wonders of vision...

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KISSING CLASS BREAKS UP

New York.
KISSING has come off a high school curriculum. And the master who introduced it resigned.

The school was at Washington in Princess Anne county, Maryland, and the sponsor of the kissing was the 40-year-old science and maths master, Louis Pund.

He started it a month ago with his 60 pupils in the 12-year-old group. Mr. Pund ("I believe in being different") thought he could overcome their youthful inhibitions, he said.

It was done on democratic lines. The class would elect a boy to go into an adjoining room.

There he would shout the name of a girl to come in and kiss him.

Next it was a girl's turn to call.

"It was a very noisy game," Mr. Pund said.

Parents have complained; the local education board has stepped in, and it was announced that Mr. Pund faced "further action."

DOORBELLS are ringing all over America. Strange men flash badges and quietly enter. They are Federal Bureau of Investigation agents checking on appointments to the new Eisenhower Government.

One rang my office bell. He wanted to sift my recollection of a gift secretary who left in 1940. He found my memories unsatisfyingly hazy for that some ages ago now.

Apparently our ex-redhead is trying to get a "sensitive" Government job.

ONE of the few buses running in spite of the drivers strike goes along 60th Street.

There was a long queue on the corner of Broadway to take it. It was made up of striking drivers just out from a rally of their union.

I TAKE off my hat, but in mockery and disgust, to those Fifth Avenue fashion houses who try to get on a good thing by pinning Coronation names on spring hats.

Here are the newest (and aren't they just too sweet and whimsical?)

Brunch with a Beebeater—a small-beamed, propo-dile, a small-beamed, propo-dile, a small-beamed, propo-dile.

Promenade with a Prince—a 15-inch winged bow on an organdie toque. Palace Portrait—a cortwheel brim of linen straw which is "what Englishwomen will wear to Ascot."

Ward of all is the hall of hats made in supposed imitation of those worn by the Queen, Princess Margaret, even Queen Mary.

THE tax collector is claiming \$25,100 back tax from Mrs. Mildred Shaffer.

When Newark, New Jersey, police arrested her for begging they found \$5 (\$22) and \$10 banknotes pinned to her clothing. She admits deposits in three banks.

THE human heart is strange and puzzling.

To 28 lift men, porters, and waitresses who had served him, though none was in his employ, estate agent Stuart Hirschman left \$175 each.

Said one waitress sarcastically: "I will buy two milk coats and a trip to Europe."

Said a lift man: "What can you do with it nowadays? Why should he get all this publicity for that much money?"

What was the trouble? They heard Hirschman left over \$25,000 and had no close kin.

BOGART MAKES A MILLION

By Logan Courlay

London, Jan. 26.
HUMPHREY Bogart ("I'm always called Bogie") came to London last week with a bank book which shows he is now a dollar millionaire, three pieces of plain baggage which do not advertise his riches—and several strands of new hair on his famous head.

Where did he get the million?

Over lunch (avocado pear, dressed crab, ham and eggs) Bogart told me: "I've been making money. With the help of that film 'African Queen,' director John Huston, and Katharine Hepburn. The film is making a fortune in America—about 5,000,000 dollars—and I have a cut of the profits."

Where did the 52-year-old Bogart get the new hair?

"I owe it, I guess, to vitamins and massage—lots of massage."

He rubbed the top of his head, now more thickly thatched than when I saw him in Hollywood last year, and pointed to me: "It's unfair that a guy like you should have hair when you don't need it—you're not an actor."

More Respect

I reminded him actors could wear wigs.

Said Bogart: "Then characters like you on newspapers make fun of us and give the public a lead. I was once in a night club in New York when a woman walked in, stared at me, and said: 'Look he has got some hair...'"

What was the new hair and money brought Bogart?

"The thatch brings more respect from women—especially my wife. (That is 28-year-old Lauren Bacall—I call her Betty)."

"The money has brought me worries—bigger income tax demands—and a bigger house."

"When I was given the Oscar for 'African Queen' Danny Kaye said to me: 'Now you're cooked. You'll have to move to that bigger house.'"

"After the Oscar award the receipts of the film jumped 40 percent—and I jumped from my small house to a new mansion which cost me 165,000 dollars. I call it Bogie's Folly."

To Italy

Bogart moves on from London at the end of the month to film "Beat the Devil" in Italy, renewing his successful partnership with John Huston.

As leading lady he will have Jennifer Jones. "I hope we get on well together. I can't stand temperamental leading ladies."

TOP NOTE: What has the hair and the money not done for Bogart? It has not made him arrogant, unlikeable, or specially spendthrift (apart from house-buying). "I have not brought any presents for friends in London. I don't believe in giving presents," he said—and offered me a long stick of chewing gum.

POCKET CARTOON

By OSBERT LANCASTER



"Strictly between you and I, I've written for all those utility bosses' sons, of all kinds, have to queue for a lift."

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Hard Task Ahead In Rehabilitation Of South Korea

Geneva, Jan. 26.

Sir Arthur Rucker, Deputy Agent of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency, said here today that he believed the economy of South Korea could be put back on a self-supporting basis providing the situation does not worsen.

"But it will take time and a lot of money and nobody can say what will happen in the war."

Sir Arthur Rucker is completing a tour of European capitals, where he has been contacting governments for support of the UNKRA programme.

Now that the situation in Korea had stabilised, the agency had a definite programme whereby it would spend or commit \$70 million between now and the end of June, he said at a Press conference.

The programme included the spending of \$11 million on industrial reconstruction, \$7 million on reconstruction of electrical power, \$7 million on transport and communications, \$5,000,000 on food and agriculture, and \$13 million on health, housing and education.

No LOCAL CAPITAL. In addition, the agency had already spent \$5 million on importing grain into Korea to sell there for local currency to build up a capital reserve for reconstruction.

A further \$9 million would be spent on importing consumer goods for this purpose.

There was no local capital whatsoever for reconstruction, Sir Arthur Rucker said.

Sir Arthur said that Korea was a country with a good agriculture, fishery grounds and important minerals.

He was confident that the \$70 million for the current programme would be forthcoming from United Nations governments.—Reuter.

Pearl King Is 95

Tokyo, Jan. 26. Japan's famous "pearl king", Kichichi Mikimoto, is 95 today but he postponed celebration of the occasion until warmer weather. He had recently been reported seriously ill.—Reuter.

Concert By Waterlight

Bonn, Jan. 26.

A musical water fountain, whose jets of water sway harmoniously with the playing of an orchestra, will be a feature of the International Gardening Exhibition opening in Hamburg on April 30.

The fountain will shoot up water through some 800 nozzles, with coloured searchlights illuminating the water jets from below.

An engineer, sitting at a special instrument board, will "play" the fountain to the music of the nearby orchestra.

Professor Theodor Ethauer of Hamburg, the fountain's designer, has called his brainchild "Wasserlichtkonzert"—"concert by waterlight".—Reuter.

Relief In Korea

Pusan, Jan. 26.

Dr Arnold B. Vaught, Executive Director of the Church World Service in New York, arrived in Korea yesterday to make an on-the-spot survey of refugee problems.

During his two-week stay in Korea, Dr Vaught will visit orphanages and confer with United Nations relief agencies.—Reuter.

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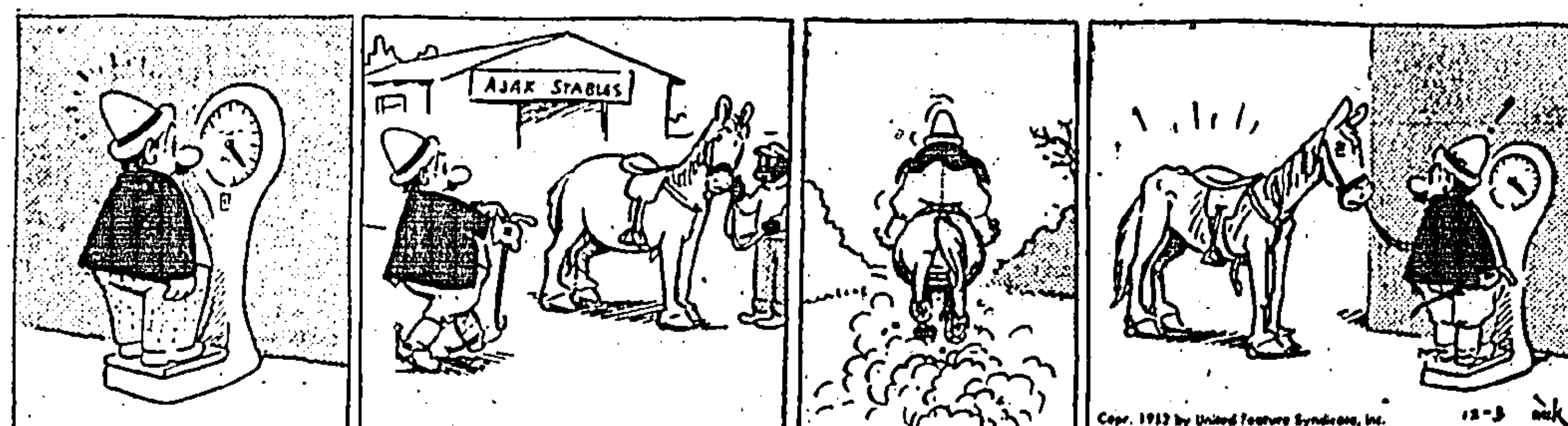
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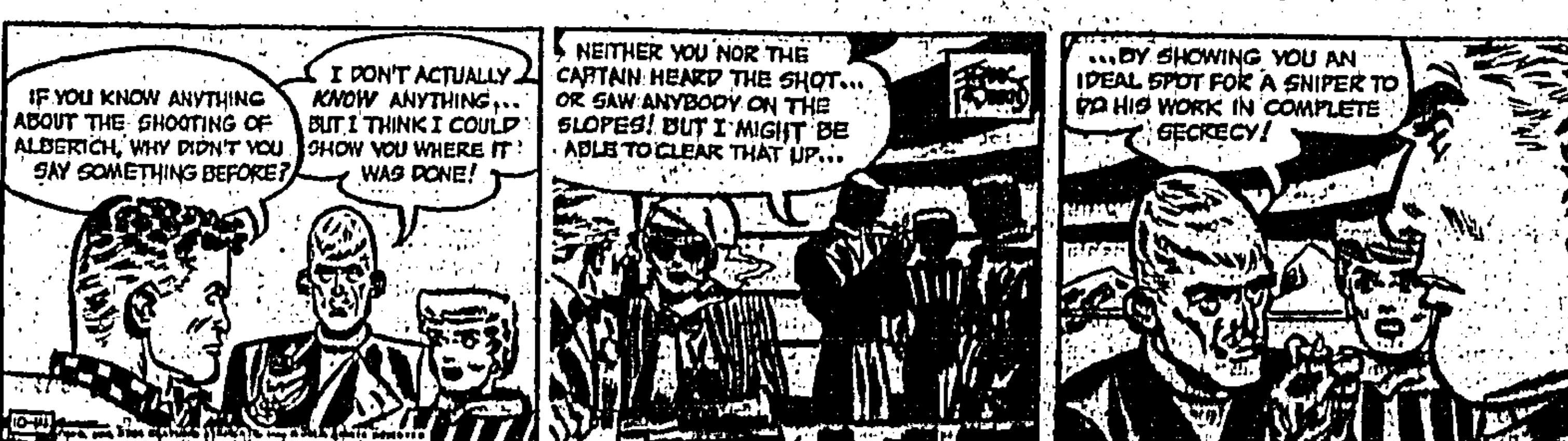
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Japanese Art Show In Washington

Washington, Jan. 26. An exhibition of Japanese paintings and sculpture is drawing thousands of visitors to the National Gallery of Art.

The Exhibit, sponsored by the Japanese Government, features 91 works of art. Eighteen of the exhibits are classified as "national treasures." The entire collection is valued at \$5 million.

More than 25,000 people attended the Gallery yesterday to view the exhibition. A preview was held for Government officials and invited guests yesterday before the public opening.

The Assistant Director of the Gallery, Mr. M. James, said the opening day crowds were equal to those which crowded the museum in 1948 and 1949, when European art works from Berlin and Vienna were shown.

Among those who viewed the exhibition was Mrs. Elizabeth Vining, the American tutor to the Japanese Crown Prince Akihito after the war.

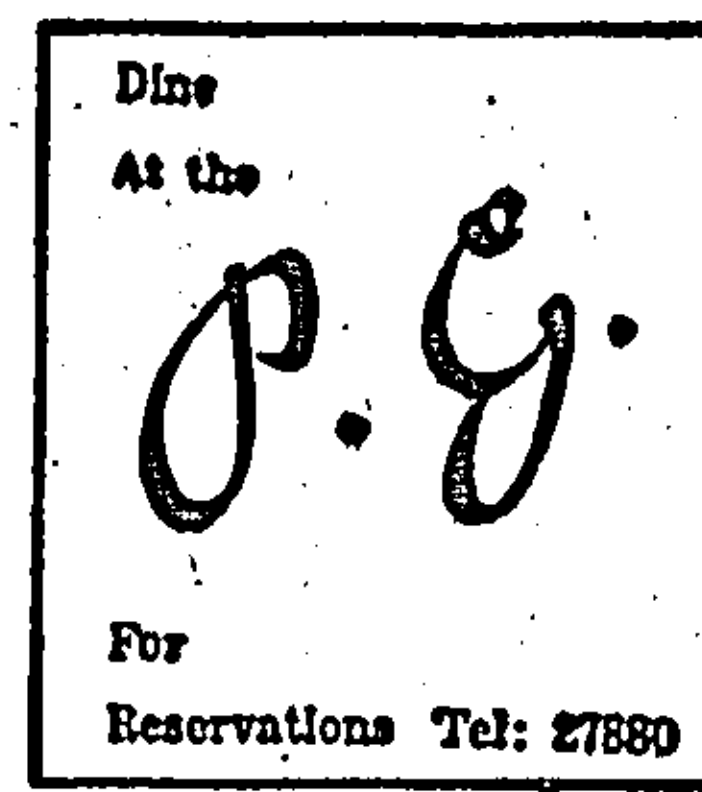
Also on hand were many Japanese scholars. For most of them it was their first glimpse of the art works which were in private collections in Japan.

The exhibition will remain on display until February 25.—Reuter.

Talks On Kashmir

United Nations, Jan. 26. Dr Frank P. Graham, United Nations Representative for Kashmir, will leave New York by air on Feb. 2 for Geneva, where talks will be resumed between India and Pakistan on the demarcation of Kashmir.

—Reuter.



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Rootes' Mission To Australia

Sydney, Jan. 26.
Sir Reginald Rootes, of the Rootes car manufacturing group, arrived by air today to study the possibilities of expanding the company's activities in Australia.
Sir Reginald, whose brother, Sir William Rootes, is Chairman of the group, told a Press conference that some minor price reductions for the company's cars might be possible here. If Australia had a reasonable period of wage stabilization and if the company could increase production and cut overhead costs.
Sir Reginald, who has just visited India, Ceylon and Malaya, will also go to New Zealand, the United States and Canada. Reuter.

Sterling Area's Trade Policy Towards Japan Outlined By Butler

OVERDRAWN PICTURE OF COMPETITION

London, Jan. 26.
Mr. R. A. Butler, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has re-emphasised that Sterling Area restrictions on imports from Japan were not imposed as part of a "trade war" but to protect our own balance of payments.
The Chancellor made this statement during an interview with the American magazine, "United States News and World Report."
The question of Sterling Area trade policy towards Japan has been subject to many misleading statements during recent months, and it was to correct these that the Chancellor chose the somewhat unusual method of a personal interview to restate the British position.

He pointed out that on British initiative a Sterling payments agreement was signed with Japan two years ago with the object of expanding trade on both sides.
This helped Japan to make a great increase in her exports to the Sterling Area between mid-1951 and mid-1952, but for a number of reasons, she failed to match this with an equivalent increase in her imports from the area.
As a result, the Sterling Area had an adverse balance of over

£100 million in its trade with Japan during that period.
Japan then imposed controls to reduce her exports to the Sterling Area which, in turn, took action to restrict the volume of its purchases from Japan.
This action was taken "in no shape as part of a trade war," but to maintain a balance of payments.

OVERDRAWN

Mr. Butler went on: "The need for a balance of payments will remain, but this is no reason why there should not be a useful expansion of trade between Japan and the Sterling Area. The picture of a destructive and ruthless competitive struggle between us is overdrawn."

The Chancellor pointed out that in textiles and some types of light consumer goods Japan's competitive position is very strong.
"But even when world demand for textiles slumped in the first half of 1952 we still maintained our previous share of the total trade."

"We are not afraid of competition," Mr. Butler declared. "But what we were afraid of, he added, was action by other countries to limit the field of free competition to our disadvantage."
And the Chancellor gave an indication of this type of action the "Ud" loans given by the U.S. Export-Import bank which bind foreign borrowers to spend their dollars in America, instead of giving Britain and other countries a fair opportunity to compete for them.

NOT YET READY

This statement will be welcomed in many British business circles, where reports of "trade wars" between Japan and the Sterling Area are reported.

Mr. Butler's remark that the need for a balance of payments will remain implies that Britain is not yet prepared to lift import restrictions—at least not until Japan shows more willingness to balance her trade with the Sterling Area.
This, too, will be welcomed in certain quarters, particularly in Lancashire, where there is much concern at the decline of textile exports.

But Mr. Butler's statement was not wholly negative. His assurance that there is still room for a useful expansion of trade between Japan and the Sterling Area is in line with British policy to seek a widening of world trade, wherever this is possible on a mutually advantageous basis.
And it is particularly significant that Mr. Butler made this statement to an American magazine, for it has been largely as a result of United States post-war policy that Japan has tended to increase her purchases from the dollar area, while seeking to compensate for the loss of the Chinese market by expanding her exports to other areas.

TIMING SIGNIFICANT

The timing of the statement is also significant.
At the outset of a new political regime in the United States and at a time when Mr. Eastern policy is known to be under review in Washington and London, a statement from a British Cabinet Minister which re-emphasises the desirability of a world trade of the closure of the Chinese market is bound to have an important effect on American opinion.
But so long as the Korean war continues there can be little hope of a radical change in American policy towards trade with China.—London Express Service.

Bank Loan To India

Paris, Jan. 26.

The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development today announced the granting of a loan of US\$15,500,000 to India for industrial development.

The loan will finance industrial projects and will protect large areas from floods. Irrigation and drainage canals constructed from the funds will total 25,000 kilometres and cover an area of 405,000 hectares in Western Bengal. When completed, the network will permit the production of 400,000 tons of rice and other cereals. This will be of special importance in this heavily populated industrial belt, where there is a chronic food shortage.

The huge reservoirs will be built to prevent floods, which have, in the past, caused serious damage in the Western Bengal area, especially in the disastrous year of 1943.
The main irrigation canal will be 128 kilometres long, linking the Damodar to the Hooghly River 48 kilometres above Calcutta. Barge traffic on this canal will relieve pressure on railways and provide economic means of transport for coal and other heavy goods between the Hooghly and Calcutta.

The total cost of the development projects is estimated to be \$103,000,000. Expenditure in local and foreign currency will be met by the Indian Government and by the state governments of Bihar and West Bengal.

The International Bank loan will be used to buy tools and equipment that will have to be imported. The agreement was signed three days ago by the Indian Ambassador to the United States, Mr. G. L. Mehra, and Mr. Eugene A. Black, President of the International Bank.—France-Press.

Fibre Industry Research

Manila, Jan. 26.
Researches that any revolution in the world's multi-million-dollar fibre industry are being conducted jointly by United Nations and Philippine technologists.
These investigations deal in the possible industrial utilisation of fibrous materials in the manufacture of pulp and paper. Countries with extensive fibre industries and which may profit in these studies are those of Southeast Asia, Central and South America.
Preliminary reports of the researches said that in the Philippines alone 240,000 tons of abaca waste containing valuable fibre suitable for paper material, are wasted yearly.
If this waste could be converted into pulp and paper, it was estimated this country would realise a yearly additional income of not less than \$15,000,000.—Associated Press.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Jan. 26.
World sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 higher, with sales totalling 40 contracts.
Contract No. 6 closed unchanged to 7 points lower with sales totalling 250 contracts.
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Good Mark, Bad Mark

HE came from a family of some consequence, and as a younger son was intended for the Army. When he had finished his long, elaborate schooling he was sent to a military academy to learn his trade and to acquire the gloss and polish for which officers of the Regular Army of his country were renowned.

At the military college they taught him the theory and practice of a kind of warfare that long ago went out of fashion, and how to conduct himself on the field of battle and off it. Bore his course was half through, real war swamped his country, and rendered everything he had learned about battles obsolete and antique.

Mark, for that was the name of this younger son, was made prisoner and for weary years lay idle in German prison camps. And when at last peace came for some, it did not come for him. There was no going home, no taking up the threads of the old life. The iron hand of another foreign power clamped down upon his country.

MARK found his way to England at last, and, aged 33 by then, set about starting a new career. He was given a small grant, and began to work for a science degree. He planned to become a chemical engineer.

It is not so easy, when you are 33 and have spent long years in idleness, to compete for a degree with boys and with men whose brains have never gone stale.

Mark found the going tough, but he got the degree. It must have seemed then that all would have been plain sailing for him—except that he still had to find a job.

That was not so easy, and to ease the anguish of job-hunting, Mark began to drink heavily, which made the task more difficult still, which demanded yet heavier drinking, which made the task...

HE was well caught up in the vicious circle, and presently he began to acquire a criminal record. First, he was bound over for receiving stolen goods; next, he was in trouble for stealing clothes from a fellow-lodger in a hostel. He was put on probation.

The other day, Mark stood in the dock again—at Bow Street. He pleaded guilty to stealing a suit and a pair of shoes from another man who lodged in the hostel where he did.

The story was told to Mr. Bertram Reece, and Mark, in the dock, listened in the attitude of one who has heard it all before, as indeed he had. He is a tall, solidly built man, who looks older than his 38 years. "I think," said the officer, telling the story, "that his mental standards have collapsed owing to too much rough cider and rough wine."

FURTWÄNGLER BETTER

Vienna, Jan. 26. The famed orchestra conductor, Wilhelm Furtwängler, a victim of Europe's influenza epidemic, was reported much improved today. His doctor said he had spent a quiet night and was free of fever.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Aid To Southeast Asia Countries Showing Results

By H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Jan. 23. Practical results were already beginning to accrue from the extensive aid being given to south and southeast Asian countries under the Colombo Plan, External Affairs Minister Richard Casey told a conference this week.

Mr Casey was Governor of Bengal before he re-entered Australian politics. He said that the United Nations, Britain, United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand were now all giving essential aid to these countries. This aid now amounted to £125-million a year, but the full value of it could not be expressed in terms of money.

A wide range of experts had been made available to Asia by all countries taking part in the plan. Also, the International Bank was making large-scale loans for worthwhile projects such as water conservation and irrigation, hydro-electric and transport schemes.

Australia was providing a large number of agricultural tractors and equipment, water pumps, electrical and farm gear and other basic necessities. The assisted countries were very deficient in educational facilities, Mr Casey said, so Australia has accepted 250 Asians into her universities and technical colleges for free training.

"We have also sent 33 experts to the East to help with internal problems. A special responsibility rests on Australia in all this by reason of our geographical position on the rim of Asia. We have got to get to know the governments and peoples of the countries of south and southeast Asia—to learn their problems and to be enthusiastic in showing kindness and enthusiasm in an effort to help them."

Magistrate (in a Brisbane court) what were you arguing about? Wife: About his Big Three as usual. Magistrate: And what might be his Big Three? Wife: Wine, women and himself.

THE 1956 OLYMPICS Unless those people in Melbourne charged with conducting the next Olympic Games pull up their socks and get down to serious business the International Olympic Committee is going to give the Games to some other country and it will be many a long year before we get them back again.

And after the awful mess we have made of the preliminary organising in the last 18 months, the head body has every excuse for changing the location. Last May we were given an ultimatum over the question of a site; now comes the bombshell that all work on the stadium has been stopped on the score of expense.

Fedling throughout Australia is that the Olympic Games is something far bigger than politics and that it is time the Federal Government moved in, took the matter out of the hands of sporting bodies and local government authorities and appointed a staff of experts to get on with the job. General opinion, too, is that the question of money should be the last excuse to hold up the work. There is a feeling in high quarters that already it is too late to start with the next work or so another country will be named as the host for 1956.

If that happens it will be a crying shame for properly conducted the Olympics could be one of the greatest events in Australia's history. Footnote: Chairman of the Olympic Games Organising Committee in Melbourne, Mr A. W. Coles, has received a letter containing £5. The letter read: "Let you this to a pork sausage that the Games won't be staged in Melbourne in 1956 or ever."

Mr Coles replied: "Thanks for the donation. I won't be needing the pork sausage."

All of Australia can only hope that Mr Coles is right.

JAPANESE DIVERS Pearlers at Broome, Western Australia, expect Japanese divers back in the industry next month for the first time since the war. Earlier it had been stated that Japan had refused to allow the divers to work in Australia waters, but the pearlers have now been advised that 28 divers will leave Japan this month for Brisbane. The Commonwealth Government recently decided to issue permits for 35 Japanese divers.



Efforts are made to dig this car out of one of the deep drifts at Bardonecchia in Northern Italy, after the heaviest snowfall of the winter.—London Express.

Breach Of Contract Claim: Judgment For Plaintiffs

Following the conclusion of addresses by Counsel before the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice E. H. Williams, in the Supreme Court this morning, his Lordship gave judgment for the Plaintiffs in the sum of \$17,277.50 in a claim for damages for alleged breach of contract for the supply of 1,800 dozen electric torch casings.

Plaintiffs were the Everlight (otherwise known as the Everlight) Manufacturing Company, of No. 1 Tai Hang Street, Shaukiwan, torch manufacturers, who were represented by Mr Charles E. Losby, QC, instructed by Hastings and Co.

Defendants were H. J. Hingman and Brothers, of 47 Pottinger Street, importers and exporters, for whom Mr S. V. Gillins, instructed by F. Zimmerman and Co., appeared.

Plaintiffs claimed damages arising out of the alleged breach by the Defendants of a contract in writing dated August 3, 1950, whereby the Defendants undertook to take delivery of or buy 1,800 dozen Everlight torches sold to them by the Plaintiffs.

\$37,800 CONTRACT The contract, according to the Plaintiffs, was worth \$37,800, and Defendants paid a deposit of \$4,000. Defendants undertook to take delivery of the torches on or before the end of August, 1950, and to pay for them on delivery. It was an implied term of the contract that Defendants would notify Plaintiffs within the terms of the contract of the time and place of delivery.

Plaintiffs alleged that Defendants requested 600 dozen torches to be ready for delivery on board a ship on August 15, 1950, but the date was later varied and eventually delivery was postponed indefinitely. Plaintiffs claimed they tried to get instructions for delivery of the whole contract, but were put off from time to time by the Defendants.

Defendants' case was that Plaintiffs failed to make delivery of the 1,800 dozen torch cases ordered and had only delivered 600 dozen and no more on August 15, and further alleged the Plaintiffs were not ready and not willing to deliver the balance by the end of August.

Defendants filed a counter claim in which they sought the return of \$4,000 paid as deposit to the Plaintiffs. **WHOLE ORDER PLEA** Mr Gillins submitted that Defendants asked for delivery of the whole order in one lot as he had sub-sold the goods to buyers in Bogota in Colombia, South America, and did not want 600 dozen only on August 15. For the Plaintiffs to succeed, said Counsel, they must satisfy the Court that they were ready to deliver the whole order within contract time. Mr Losby, in reply, submitted that nobody would ask for instructions as to delivery if

JAPANESE REPATRIATION TEAM HERE

Leaving For Canton Today

A 13-member Japanese delegation on their way to China to make final arrangements for the repatriation of Japanese nationals back to Japan arrived here by air this morning.

The delegation, headed by Mr Tadatsugu Shimazu, President of the Japanese Red Cross Society, will leave for Canton by train this afternoon.

In a statement to the Press, Mr Shimazu said: "We are going to enter the territory of the People's Republic of China in order to talk on the repatriation problem of Japanese nationals in China. We shall do our best for the settlement of this problem which has long been pending for our countrymen."

The leader said that the delegation is composed of the Japanese Red Cross Society, the Japanese Peace Liaison Committee for the Asian and Pacific Region, Japan-China Friendship Association and Mr. Tomi Kora, a member of the Japanese House of Councilors in which membership are expressed the spirit of humanity, peace and friendship. The speaker said that they are convinced that the above spirits are the very basis for satisfactory settlement of the repatriation problem.

The fact, he said, that the Chinese Red Cross Society has asked our three organisations to constitute a joint delegation, and that they have offered all possible facilities for entering China and also that the Government of the People's Republic is supporting the programme, is still more firmly convinced that our mission will be satisfactorily fulfilled and, in consequence, it will contribute to final Japanese friendship and world peace.

CHINESE WIVES Mrs Kora said that Chinese wives of Japanese nationals will be allowed in the repatriation. Regarding the question of Chinese husbands of Japanese wives, she said: "This is a problem." However, she added, they will not be included in the repatriation scheme. Asked about Koreans and Formosans, she replied: "They will definitely be excluded."

Mrs Kora said that there are at present 30,000 Japanese nationals, mostly technicians, in China working for the reconstruction of China. Mrs Kora concluded by saying that subjects in the discussion will be the date of repatriation, what Chinese port will be available for Japanese ships to take away the repatriates, and the question of food while awaiting repatriation. The most probable route will be from Hainan to Tsuruga.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Down Memory Lane' Decision

Sir—Owing to public demand, Miss Aileen Woods' programme "Down Memory Lane" will be resumed by Radio Hongkong after Miss Woods has taken a well earned holiday, which will start at the end of this month. J. L. MURRAY, Public Relations Officer.

2 YEARS FOR WATCH THEFT

For stealing a gold Rolex watch from Cheung Yick-mun, on January 20 at Wanchai, a 20-year-old unlicensed newspaper hawkker, Ho Lim, of 82 Queen's Road East, second floor, was sentenced to two years imprisonment by Mr R. W. S. Winter at Central today.

Union Waterboat Dividends

At the forthcoming yearly meeting of the Union Waterboat Company, Limited, the Consulting Committee will recommend the payment of a dividend of \$2 per share, free of tax, on the "Old" shares and \$1 per share, free of tax, on the "Bonus" shares, out of the profits of the financial year ended December 31, 1952.

Living Language

Why we say Glibberish.

This word may be thought to belong to the same family as "glib," "gabble," and "jabber." This is however strong reason to think that it comes from Geber, the name of an Arabian alchemist of the 11th century. To avoid charges of magic (which, if proved, would have ended in his being burnt alive) he used a mystical jargon which was "glibberish" to everyone but himself and his disciples.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 27
By Air

Indo-China, France, French North West Africa, 4.30 p.m., Air Vietnam. Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m., P.A.C. Malaysia, Ceylon, Siam, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 8 p.m., B.O.A.C. By Surface

Macao, 9 a.m.; 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tai Shing. Philippines, 3 p.m., as Pina Buchanan. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

Formosa, Japan, 9 a.m., via C.A.T. Siam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 4.30 p.m., C.P.A. Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A. (New York), Canada, 6 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.C. Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C. By Surface

Macao, 9 a.m.; 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tai Shing. China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., train via Canton. Malaysia, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Siam, 2 p.m., as Anne Reed. THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

Formosa, 9 a.m., via C.A.T. Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m., P.A.C. Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, Noon, B.O.A.C. Philippines, N. Borneo, 4.30 p.m., C.P.A. By Surface

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